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"Most of the leaves, which are well preserved indeed, belong to a new species of *Ficus*. It resembles *Ficus lanceolatus*, Heer., a miocene species, but differs by leaves being broader, mostly rounded at base, and not *always* alternated to the petiole. The medial nerves and shorter pedicel are thicker. Some of the leaves, which are narrower and narrowed to the petiole, present the form and appearance of *Ficus lanceolatus*, but the specific difference is marked by the thick nerves and shorter petiole.

"Among these leaves there are two fragments of leaves of a *Cinnamomum*, referable perhaps to *C. affine*, Lesqx.; a large leaf of *Platanus*, probably *P. aceroides*? Aug., whose borders are destroyed, and a *Populus* with round leaves—*Populus subrotundus*, Lesqx.—found also by Dr. Hayden at Rock Creek.

"Besides these species, the specimens show a number of fragments of a *Cyperus*, apparently a new species. The nervation is that of *Cyperus charanensis*, Heer., but the leaves, $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches broad, are twice as broad as in the European species."

Dr. Hayden considered this as confirming his opinion that the lignite beds of that region were of tertiary age.

Dr. Le Conte said that the question of the geological age of that section must be solved by a consideration of the relative positions of the strata, rather than by comparison of the fossil plants found therein.

May 26th.

MR. CASSIN, Vice-President, in the Chair.

Thirty-nine members present.

The following gentlemen were elected members: Mr. Edward Lewis, Jas. Truman, M. D., Wm. Trueman, M. D., Mr. S. Fisher Corlies, Mr. T. W. Starr, Edw. Rhoads, M. D., T. H. Andrews, M. D., Herbert Norris, M. D., Mr. Jas. S. Gilliams, Mr. Charles Bullock, Mr. Edw. L. Huitt, Mr. I. Zentmayer, Mr. Aug. F. Müller, F. F. Maury, M. D., Horace Williams, M. D., Mr. Wm. H. Walmsley, Mr. T. L. Buckingham.

The following were elected correspondents: Mr. Augustus Fendler, of Allenton, Mo.; Hon. J. S. Wilson, of Washington, D. C.; Mr. A. R. Roesler, Washington, D. C.; Prof. John Tomes, F. R. S., of London.

On favorable reports of the committees, the following papers were ordered to be published:

List of BIRDS collected at Laredo, Texas, in 1866 and 1867.

BY H. B. BUTCHER, M. D.

The list of birds here given embraces the species collected by me at Laredo, Texas, on the Rio Grande river, while engaged as Acting Assistant Surgeon of the U. S. Army; and is presented as a contribution to the subject of the geographical distribution of the birds of North America. No new species but many quite rare species were procured. The most interesting result of my examinations at Laredo was the discovery in abundance of *Scardafella inca*, a species not previously obtained north of the Rio Grande.

The collections made were first sent to the Smithsonian Institution, and a series afterwards presented to this Academy. I am indebted to Prof. Baird for assistance in identifying the species.

A comparison of this list with that of the birds collected in Texas by Mr. Dresser will be found of interest.

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